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## TRAFFIC OPERATIONS CENTER (TOC) FACT SHEET

The Utah Department of Transportation's (UDOT) \$121 million Intelligent Transportation program is known as Utah's CommuterLink<sup>SM</sup> system. UDOT's state-of-the-art Traffic Operations Center (TOC) is the brain and muscle behind the CommuterLink<sup>SM</sup> system.

The 35,000-square-foot building was opened in April 1999. State funds paid for 90 percent of the total costs. It houses approximately 75 full-time employees. As the headquarters of traffic management during the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, staffing will be increased to about double that amount.

Operators at the TOC use the latest technology to gather information from Utah's CommuterLink<sup>SM</sup> system. This helps them manage and improve the flow of traffic on Utah's highways and major surface roads.

The information is gathered "real-time" via 300 miles of fiber-optic cable from more than 200 closed-circuit TV cameras along roadways, congestion detectors that track traffic speeds and patterns, and 21 weather sensors.

At the TOC itself, operators can view the cameras and other information via a 23-by-13 foot screen made up of 12 monitors. They also use two eight-by-six foot big screen monitors.

The TOC then delivers this important traffic data to the public with up-to-the minute information on the Electronic Roadway Signs, across the radio, through TV traffic reports, and over the Internet at [www.utahcommuterlink.com](http://www.utahcommuterlink.com).

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